

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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FALLING AWAY

God is Externely Merciful, But He Will not Bear with People Always.

AN EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE KEPT BRIGHT

To think about falling away from the Lord after having received a good experience is serious enough, but to really obtain salvation through Jesus and then fall back into sin again is indeed a serious thing.

When the disciples at Thessalonica became extremely enthused about the near coming of Jesus, the apostle Paul sought to enlighten them on the subject and instructed them they need not be troubled or excited about the matter, "for," said he, "that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." 2 Thes. 2:3.

Up to that time the Church of God had been steadily growing in numbers, and the power of God was being demonstrated as the preaching of the Word was confirmed by signs following. But the spirit of prophecy fell on Paul and he showed that there would be a time of decline in spirituality and a real falling away from the true faith and apostolic teaching.

That falling away began soon after the brave apostles had finished their work and passed away. The decline continued on and on until real vital godliness became almost extinct. The church lost her identity, as the Church of God, and passed into another form and name. The falling away had come, and the beautiful and powerful experiences of the past were no more.

But now we have passed over that time and if Paul should take up his golden pen and write us a message now, and send it to us from his exalted position in glory he would not say as he did to the Thessalonians, "There (shall) come a falling away first," before the day of the Lord shall come, but he would more likely say now, "The time is at hand."

We have now passed the falling away period and the time is upon us now for our gathering together unto Him.

2 Thes. 2:1. This is our special concern and it makes it all the more serious to individuals who may still persist in things that is detrimental to their spiritual progress and cause them to fall away.

While multitudes are craving to get closer to God and closer to each other in spirit, and are making a good run to the one shelter and protection that joins and knits us together, there are still some falling away into depths of disobedience and rebellion from which they may never return.

John tells us of a sin that is unto death, and he says, "I do not say that he shall pray

for it." 1 John 5:5. Jesus, also, describes a state or an experience into which people may fall and out of which can never escape. He says there is no forgiveness for those who "shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost." Mark 3:28. He makes it a little plain, and shows that it may not be so difficult to commit such a crime, when He says, "whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven him." Math. 12:32.

The writer of Hebrews gives a special exhortation to hold fast the profession of our faith," and urges that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but should be even more attentive to our services for worship as we approach the day of the Lord. "For," says the writer, "if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifices for sins. But

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MISSIONARY DAY

Sunday, January 14, 1917 --- Special Collections to be Taken.

We have done but little for missions on foreign soil, but it is time now to go into it in earnest. The millions of earth must not only hear of Jesus, but they must hear of His Church and all of His teachings.

In proportion to the interest we show in helping others will we prosper in spiritual things. The same is true in our home work. As we show an interest in foreign work our home work will prosper more.

It has been said, "A fiery church is a missionary church, and it takes a missionary church to be a fiery church."

Every overseer wants the work to grow and prosper in his territory this year. Every pastor wants his church to prosper and increase both in number and spirituality this year. I do not hesitate to say that open free hearted foreign mission interest will court the favor of God and in answer to prayer He will lavish His blessings upon His faithful ones that are willing to sacrifice for others.

I insert here a few words furnished by Howard Juillard of Augusta, Ga. And

this is only a speck, but I trust it will cause some body to become more interested in missions, so the spirit of missions can be cultivated, and become very prominent with all the members of the Church of God as well as friends yet on the outside.

THOUGHTS ON MISSIONS

Every year a number equal to the population of the British Isles is going into eternity. Tramp, tramp, tramp the ceaseless procession passes on from a heathen cradle to a heathen grave.

At home we have one worker to every 600 but in heathen lands one to every 39,000.

A Chinaman once said, "I am now reading the Bible and behaving it."

Every dime represents ten units of responsibility. It will buy a cigar or preach the gospel for a whole day thru native lips.

The angels who knew so much more about Jesus than mortals did say, the good tidings they brought were for All people.

Hear His command "Go"

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Interesting Letter From China

Mrs. P. R. RUSHIN

31 Quinsou Road, Shanghai, China, Oct. 14, 1916.

Dear Brother Padgett:

The Lord bless you and all the dear saints. I would love to see you all and talk face to face with you about China and her dear people. However, as I cannot now do that I hope to tell you a few things that will interest you and stir you to pray for us here.

It is said that One Third of the human race live in China.

Every month One Million souls pass into Eternity.

Every third person who lives and breathes upon the earth is a Chinese.

Every third child born into the world looks into the face of a Chinese mother.

Every third person given in marriage plight their troth in a Chinese cup of wine.

Every third orphan weeping through the day, every third widow wailing through the watches of the night, is in China, every third person who comes to die is a Chinese.

Put the people of China in rank, joining hands, and they will girdle the globe ten times at the equator, with living, beating human hearts.

There are five times as many people in China as in the whole United States and one third more than in all the countries of Europe combined.

It would take something like the letters of a hundred Bibles to represent the men, women and children of this old and wonderful Empire.

To us, God has committed the destiny of the human race.

Thousands of towns and villages in China have no center of Gospel Light. No provision is adequately worked.

"And I heard a voice say, "Whom shall I send who will go for us?" and I said, "Here am I, send me."—Selected.

When I think of the little effort that is being put forth toward the salvation of souls here in China where there are so many and the people at home have so many opportunities, I do pray our Father to stir me up as I have never yet been stirred and make me to be thoroughly awake

to my privileges in Him in this dark land.

When we read of the number of Christians here in China it is those who have embraced Christianity and are church members but not all have been born again I fear. So you see we have it like it is at home in this respect.

When we came to China, there were a good many baptized professors belonging to the Mission, but when the power of God began to fall

missionaries and Chinese alike began to see where they stood and seek for a real experience. Praise God! We had some blessed times. Just like camp meeting back home we were enjoying right here in the midst of heathendom. Truly God is no respecter of persons. Hallelujah!

O, if people back at home could only realize He loves the heathen just the same as they and it is not because He is partial to us we have had the Gospel so long, while these dear ones have remained in darkness and sin and many, many already gone into eternity while we have enjoyed our salvation and the blessings of Christianity. We will be held responsible for the way we spend our time and means for if one is not called to come, he should give what he can and all of us are called to pray.

Praise God we can pray around the world and reach every foreign country via throne and meet souls in heaven we never met on earth whom we prayed there. Also if we only have a few cents to give we should give it.

Added with some one else it will be more and will reach the missionary just in time perhaps and fit some pressing need which he or she has been telling the Father about. Thus it will strengthen their faith to believe for greater things.

I did not mean to get off on to finances and do not know why I did, so shall try and get back to the main part of my subject.

It is truly blessed to meet with those here who have been saved and blessed.

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Rock Island, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Dear Saints—Greet-
ing in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am glad that I belong to
the Lord. I am glad that I
am saved, sanctified and the
Holy Ghost abides. I thank
God for ever showing me this
way that leads to heaven.

One night I dreamed that
sister, her husband, mamma
and myself were in a log
house. We looked out of the
house and saw a cloud com-
ing and in front of the cloud
was somethir.g that looked
like fire, behind it was black-
ness. It came on until it
struck the house where we
were and it seemed a smother-
ing come over us. I saw
mamma fall out of her chair
and then I saw sister and her
husband falling out of their
chairs and by that time I was
falling over in the floor. My
breath was nearly gone. I
knew I was going to die, so I
began to think about having
the Holy Ghost. My breath
kept getting shorter until I
was gone. Then my soul
took its flight to regions be-
yond. I started up and felt
my self going towards heav-
en. I knew when I arrived
in heaven. My mind was
on heavenly things. I knew
I was in heaven for I saw
people in long robes. It look-
ed as if they were preparing
for something. It must have
been for the "marriage sup-
per."

I never felt so welcome
anywhere. I was so glad
that I was there. I said to
myself, "I want to view this
city." I can't tell how wel-
come I did feel. I didn't see
the Lord but I saw a light
and I had my eyes set on that
beautiful light. It made me

think of Rev. 21:23, "And the
city had no need of the sun,
neither of the moon, to shine
in it; for the glory of God did
lighten it, and the Lamb is
the light thereof." Oh, it
seemed sweet to be there. I
didn't think about this old
world. I didn't think of none
of the troubles of this world. I
was just there, all of my being
was lost in the presence of
that city. I didn't think to
look for mamma, sister and
brother.

I awoke, but it all seemed
so real, just as if I had been
there in that city. I have
wondered why I didn't look
for sister and mamma.

All this encourages me to
press on and reach that city.
"I want to go there, to that
city so fair."

I would be glad if I could
tell just how I felt while I
was in that city but it never
can be expressed with this
tongue.

I hope this will encourage
some hungry soul that is seek-
ing for the Holy Ghost and
cause them to get in a hurry
for our blessed Jesus is com-
ing soon.

Pray for me that I may be
just what the Lord would
have me be.

Your sister in Christ,
Bettie J. Ward.

A NOTE TO GEORGIA

To All the Churches, Pastors
and All Others Who are
Concerned:

I wish to say that I cannot
visit all the churches at once
or in a very short time.

Also, many are insisting
that I send them a pastor,
which I am not able to do.
If I could, I would send a
first class up-to-date one.

I wish to say, dear ones,
do the best you can. "Pray
ye, therefore, the Lord of the
harvest," and I will do my
best.

We haven't very many
preachers, and the ones you
want, some one else already
has. So I will ask you to
pray and be patient with me
and I will do my best. Amen.

M. S. Lemons.

Morme, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for sal-
vation. I am saved, sancti-
fied and filled with the Holy
Ghost. I am the only one here
who has the Holy Ghost.

There are some holiness peo-
ple here but they don't un-
derstand the Holy Ghost.
I am the Lord's and He is
mine.

Please pray for the people
here and for me.

E. N. Johnson.

MISSIONARY DAY Contued from page I.

and remember that we may
Pray and Pay even if personally
we are not permitted to
respond to the cry of heathen
woe.—Selected.

Below is a full report up
to date of missiouary finan-
ces.

The receipts since the As-
sembly as previously reported
amount to \$71.37
Other receipts since the
above was reported as fol-
lows:

Dec. 27 16, Church at Kim-
berly, Ala. by Lucy Johnson
clerk \$4.10

Dec. 28 16, Pearl Adams,
Hardy, Miss. 1.00

Dec. 30 16, Mrs. John D.
Martin, Fonde, Ky. 3.00

Jan. 1, 17, Edwin J. Miller,
Long Island, Bahamas 1.00

Jan. 2, 17, Mrs. M. D. Mc-
Hargue, McColl, S. C. 1.00

Total receipts since Aseem-
dly 81.47

Following are the disburse-
ments:

Nov. 29, 16, to W. H. Cross
to help him start for the Ba-
hamas Islands \$25.00

Dec. 2, 16, to Lucy M. Lea-
therman to help her toward
South America 25.00

Dec. 11, 16, to W. H.
Cross 5.00

Dec. 22, 16, to Lillian Trash-
er, Egypt, 6.00

Dec. 22, 16, Postage .15

Jan. 4, 17, to W. H. Cross
for the Bahamas 70.00

Jan. 6, 17, to Lucy M. Lea-
ther, South America, 10.00

Total receipts, 81.47

Total disbursements 141.15

Total deficit 59.68

We are sure that much
more than the amount of this
deficit will come in immedi-
ately after Sunday Jan. 14,
Missionary day. Please re-
member the Assembly made
the Evangel office missionary
treasurer, and all money for
Foreign Missions should be
sent to the Evangel office,
at Cleveland, Tenn.

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greetings in
Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God for
victory in my soul, through
the blood of Jesus Christ.

My companion and myself
both have the Holy Ghost
and belong to the Church of
God, walking in the light as it
shines upon us.

We have a nice Sunday
school and a church of twen-
ty-five members. The Lord
wonderfully blesses us. I
know He is going to manifest
Himself here.

Pray for us that we may
stay hid behind the cross
where Jesus can use us.

Your sister in Christ,
Gertrude Pruitt.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of
praise to our God for this
wonderful salvation, that
gives us joy and peace in our
souls. Bless His sweet name.
I am so glad I ever found this
sweet way. Oh how I love
Jesus.

I wish I could tell how
the dear Lord blessed

us on Christmas day. We
had a wonderful meeting.
The Lord was with us and
blessed us so good that we
will never forget that day.

I praise God for our Sun-
day School. We have a
large school and God is sav-
ing our Sunday School child-
ren and giving them the blessed
Holy Ghost.

Dear brother and sister
Gann are just giving us the
plain Word of God, and that
is what we need for the
Word of God is going to
stand. Praise God!

I want to do more for the
Lord than I have ever done
before. I have done so lit-
tle for Him. I feel so little

an unworthy, but I praise
Him for a place in the dear
old Church of God. I feel
safe in her for I know she is
going to stand.

I am saved from sin, sanc-
tified by the blood of Jesus
and filled with the blessed
Holy Ghost, and mean to be
true.

Your little sister in Jesus,
Ida Freeman.

Raiford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting in
Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for ever
showing me this way, it is so
sweet. I am praising God for
saving, sanctifying and filling
me with the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for sending
brother H. J. Thomas to this
place to preach the Word of
God.

I never knew anything
about holiness until one year
ago and when I heard it I
thought there was something
to it and I began seeking and
I found God.

I want all the saints to pray
for me that I may stay low
and humble at Jesus' feet.

Your sister under the blood
waiting until Jesus comes or
calls,

Pearl Sparkman.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting in
Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to sound a note of
praise for the blessed Savior.
He has saved, sanctified and
baptized me with the Holy
Ghost.

We had a Christmas meet-
ing here. Three were sanc-

tified and I received the Holy
Ghost. I have a strong de-
termination to hold out.

My father and mother are
seeking for the blessing and
the prayers of all the saints.

Please pray for me that I
may ever live low and hum-
ble and do my blessed Sav-
ior's will.

Your sister in Christ,
May Bell Alexander.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family—Greet-
ings in Jesus' Name:

Just home from Trofford,
Ala. where we had a glorious
time with the dear Lord
through the Christmas holi-
days. Brother Hubert White
and wife went over there
with us.

The meeting began on the
night of the 23rd. The Lord
wonderfully blessed. One
was sanctified, three saved
and one filled with the Holy
Ghost for we heard him speak
with tongues and magnify
God. Acts 10:46.

On the 26th, brother Col-
umbus Cannada and wife,
brother Clyde Dodd and
wife, brother Walter Smith
and sister Mae Doss of Kim-
berley were with us.

Brother Dodd received the
Holy Ghost, He said he went
all the way to Assembly
to get Holy Ghost but failed.

The people in that country
are hungry for salvation. It
would be a good place for
some one to go with a tent.
The people sure do want a
meeting.

May the dear Lord bless
all who read this.

Yours in love,
Wm. Allen.

Jesup, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting in
Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God this for won-
derful salvation, and that we
can live for God in spite of all
the devils, and we can live
above sin. I am in the way
and the way is in me.

I am saved from all sin,
sanctified through the blood
of Jesus and baptized with
the Holy Ghost with the Bi-
ble evidence of speaking in
other tongues. I want all the
Lord has for me. I want to
be a soul winner for Him.

We are having a wonder-
ful meeting here. The Lord
is blessing.

We need a pastor here.
Your brother in Christ,
W. L. Ritch.

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FALLING AWAY
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a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation." Heb. 10:23-27.

It appears by the teaching of this Scripture that it is unsafe to stay away from meetings for worship, lest a person might do wrong and finally fall back past a "dead line" over which he may never pass again.

This view is sustained by a verse following, which indicates the danger of treading under foot the Son of God, and counting "the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing." Heb. 10:29.

The apostle Peter agrees with this teaching, and shows a place of bondage into which people may fall that makes their "latter end * * * worse with them than the beginning." He continues by saying "it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 2Peter 2:19-22

There is only one sure and safe way to travel. This is described at Heb. 6:1, 2. The plan is made so that when one starts to be a Christian he should go on and on and never retrace his steps nor have to go over the same territory in his experience twice. Get saved and keep saved and "go on unto perfection," is God's plan for every one.

It is admitted that God is extremely merciful, but He will not bear with people always. This truth is illustrated at Hebrews 12:14-17, where the writer describes Esau as having sold his birthright and afterwards sought to regain it, but it was too late. "He found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."

When once obtained, an experience should be kept bright. There are too many danger signals along the way to act the least bit trifling about the matter. However, there are provisions made for those to return who have gone astray after having become Christians and fallen back into sin, but to say the least about such doings, it is extremely dangerous.

Some people sometimes may try to set the dead line, and declare that certain ones have passed over it and there is no chance for them to be rescued, but teachers should tread very softly on that kind of ground lest they

discourage some that might be reclaimed if they have the proper help. "There is hope as long as there is life" is an adage worth paying attention to and remembering.

A light glance at Heb. 6:4-6 might cause some one to mark out the destiny of some other one who has been less fortunate, but a deeper study of the same verses may give some discouraged soul a faint glimmer of hope after all. The first thing I want to say concerning the experience described by these verses is, that, no mortal man, aside from a special revelation from God, can apply this to any special person.

In these verses are five points of experience marked out, every one of which must be applied before it can be said, There is no hope. A person may have had one of these experiences and fallen from it, but that alone will not debar him the privilege of returning. He may have had four out of the five and fallen from the four, but that does not shut him out so but what he may return. And it might appear to some that one has had all five of these gracious experiences and lost them all, by falling away into wilful sin, but who is going to esteem himself so perfect in knowledge and revelation that he will dare point out the man that has had these experiences to that degree of perfection from which he has fallen to that extent that is meant by the keen understanding of God Himself?

What is it to be enlightened? What is it to have tasted of the heavenly gift? What is it to be made partakers of the Holy Ghost? What is it to have tasted the good word of God? What is it to have tasted of the powers of the world to come? Your may have your idea about the answer to these questions. But what does God mean by them? You may make a certain application so you decide that if one who has been baptized with the Holp Ghost should fall away into sin he could not be reclaimed, but are you sure in God's mind He would make the application in the same way?

Leaving these Scriptures for what they are worth, and I am sure it is a serious and dangerous thing to fall away, it remains that Jesus says to leave the ninety and nine and search for the one that has gone astray. Luke 15:4-7. It also remains for us to accept the teaching illustrated by the prodigal son. Luke 15:11-32. Then the teaching of John shows that one may be

brought back after he has once been a brother and fallen into sin. 1 Jon. 5:16.

Thers are many Scriptures which show that God calls for the back-sliders to return. And while it is not safe to fall away into sin after one has become a child of God, yet it is clear that provisions have been made for those to return who have thus fallen into sin. And just where the dead line is, may not be so easily located.

Warning should be given constantly against falling away lest some might fall away and never return, and at the same time it is necessary to show that backsiders may return, and when they do return try to impress upon them the danger of ever falling away again but care should be taken about the minute application of Heb. 6:4-7.

It is much more dangerous to fall away from any experience under the teaching of the sull pentecostal ministry than under a lower grade of teaching and thus in these days of full gospel teaching where the signs are following, and the light so glaring, it is extremely dangerous to give up and go down into sin, because there is a condition into which people may fall that will hold them forever, and from which there is no deliverance. Abstain from all apperance of evil is Paul's command.

Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Once more I have the privilege of giving my testimony through our little paper. I truly praise God because, I'm still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and have victory in my soul. Glory to God! I feel like pressing on and can truly say that I am more determined than ever to make heaven my home

I enjoyed the fellowship of the saints at Key West and Miami, Fla. Sister Sarah J. Cleare had a wonderful vision of Jesus coming; I really felt like it was a message to the church at Key West.

Since coming back to Atlanta the Lord has truly blest His children. We had a good service on Christmas eve and Christmas night we had the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Glory to God! Jesus says "Happy are you if you do these things." Well praise God, the Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit on us.

Pray for me beloved saints for I am just one of His little lambs looking for His soon coming.

Yours in Jesus' love,
Mrs. Christina Smith, clerk.

Knoxville, Tenn.
Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the dear saints—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name,

I am praising God for the dear old Church of God. Some day I expect to see her spread her white wings and go up to meet Jesus, Friends I can't express my feelings this morning.

Brother Ross held a weeks meeting here, three souls were saved and talked in tongues. Fire was handled under the mighty power of God. I believe that God surely sent brother Ross here. I did not know the time was so close that we could praise our God with a Jew. I am more determined to go on than ever. I sure do feel like the Gentile age is about over.

Never have I suffered such burdens before for lost souls of this city. Friends, I tell you, we don't pray enough.

The other night while brother Ross was preaching God showed me the precious Savior as He hung on the cross. He was over brother Ross' head with out stretched arms, I could almost see the blood as it gushed from His wounded side.

I feel that the wrath of God will soon be poured out upon this wicked nation. Some day Jesus will come with shout of the archangel and catch away His Bride. Praise our God.

I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and healed Praise our God. Some day we can be at home with Jesus, where all tears are wiped away. Friends, let us pray that we may ever do the will of our Father.

I mean to go all the way with my Savior. I would not turn back for this world. Oh, I feel so free since I yielded up to the Holy Spirit.

Read Eph. 5:14. I sure intend to walk in the light as God shows me. Pray for me.

Your unworthy sister.
Mae Maples.

Melrose, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
The Chrismas meeting at the Bethel church is a grand success. Many are being blessed. Some are receiving the Holy Ghost while others are rejoicing greatly on the account of their "exceeding great reward."

Our beloved brother W. H. Cross, who was appointed overseer of the Bahama Islands stopped with us on his way, and God blessed us greatly Sunday. We bade

him God-speed and sent him on his way with many good wishes, lots of tears and \$50.00, and he seemed to feel better himself.

We are in a big revival here now. God is greatly convicting sinners and many are in the altar. Visiting friends are here from a distance.

It looks as if we will have to make a camp meeting ground of this any way. With just a little effort we could erect a shed and friends are now ready to build camping houses. We are greatly impressed that a camp ground ought to be arranged before trying to hold another meeting here.

Well pray for us, we are expecting great things to be done in Georgia this year.

M. S. Lemons.

Ft. Meade, Fla.

To the Dear Saints of the Evangel Family:

I am praising God for showing me the light on the dear old Church of God that is despised by the world. I am so glad that we really know this is the way our Savior went.

I do praise the dear Savior for saving husband and me and giving us the Comforter to guide us into all truth. Praise God!

I feel the Holy Ghost burning in my soul now. The way grows brighter each day I live.

I have some hard trials but I do thank God for over coming grace. I am so glad of this wonderful salvation that keeps both soul and body.

Husband and I have been in this way over two years and we have not given our two little boys a drop of medicine since we started in this way. I know if we stay in God's will, He will heal us when we get sick.

I ask the prayers of God's children that I may hold out till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. M. E. Albritton.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

I am praising God for full and free salvation. He wonderfully saved, sanctified and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost about five years ago. Bless His dear name.

The way grows brighter and brighter each day of my life. Bless His dear name. I praise Him because I am drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry. I am fourteen years old.

Your sister under the blood,
Mary Pettitt.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CHINA

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God has said He will glorify His name among the heathen and He has among not a few here. Some seem so on fire and have a real desire to glorify Jesus. It is blessed to go among them.

A few nights ago I felt tired and not so lifted up in spirit. Presently two of the Chinese brethren came in from the country and talked with Mr. Rushin and I awhile. It was like being in a good meeting, it refreshed my soul so. They seemed to be so taken up with things of God. They related a very wonderful case of healing which had occurred at one of the stations. They are very strong on healing and have had many remarkable answers to prayer.

I have a very bright little eleven-year-old Chinese boy whose mother I was told went away and left him to beg. She is a widow and had a position where she could go and make a scant living I suppose, but could not carry the boy with her, so he had to beg they said. We took him in last May. He is such a dear little fellow and I want to ask the saints to especially pray for him. I trust the Lord will fit him up to call him to give the gospel to his own people, if our Lord tarries. You should hear him pray. O, there are many more diamonds in the rough and it is sad to not be able to help more.

One day as I started into a house I was moved with love and pity for a little boy I saw lying down upon his ragged garment asleep. His waist was naked and he was very very dirty. He had an old basket lying beside him with a bowl and an onion in it. Also he had a stick or cornstalk which beggars usually carry to mind the dogs off of them as most Chinese homes have dogs. He was a beggar. As I stood and looked at him the words seemed plain to me "a human soul," yet in that condition. My heart was truly moved with compassion upon him. I took him to our yard gave him something to eat and had him wash a little. I found him to be an unusually bright little fellow and I desired to do something for him. Presently the Chinese on the place began to gather and question him, etc., and soon said he had leprosy as the eyebrows were going away from over one eye. They were afraid for him to be

there of course and in fact none of the mission appeared willing for him to even sleep inside the gate and live on street in the day, so I was compelled to send him away. It was hard, almost like sending an own child away for the time being and I felt I would just love to go and live among the lepers were it not for my husband and children. We have a mighty God. Hallelujah! Leprosy is a little thing for Him to heal. The little boy seems to be getting on nicely now and some Chinese seem to be helping him. O, there are so many more like him.

O, there is so much poverty here! There are so many people and so few ways of employment. So many live on a thick gruel, they call it "whodo." They drink several bowls of this about twice a day and often they cannot afford salt to put in it. In different parts of China the food varies as the people seem to depend entirely on what their part of the country produces. In Shuntung Province where we have been living until recently, they make flour of millet and then make a very thin bread and fold it up. This is the principle food eaten there, while if one has money you can buy other kinds of food.

When the silk worms complete their silk they eat them, except those they keep for new eggs. I was told the season before we came grasshoppers ate up a certain crop and the Chinese went out and gathered up the grasshoppers and ate them. Some kinds of trees they eat the leaves from. They work for hours gathering grass and grass roots for fuel. So you see they utilize lots of things we don't.

They are undoubtedly the most economical people I have ever known.

Praise God! He has given me a very precious love for the Chinese and I seem to be able by His grace to look over their filth, etc., and see their souls that Jesus died to save. I feel I could be happy to live right out among them until Jesus comes. The Chinese love the foreigner too and I do very much appreciate their love and friendship.

I have only related a few things which they suffer temporally, I have not touched on the awful spiritual darkness they are in and the awfulness of their heathen worship. I will try and do that later D. V.

I am wondering if there are not some among the place. Our boy is growing

Church of God people who feel called to come and bring the message of salvation to these poor people here in China. Be sure of your call and know that you have the real love of Jesus in your heart and the determination to go through and suffer the loss of all things if need be that souls may be saved and the way of the Lord prepared. Hallelujah!

It is fine living here. I was surprised to find the missionary could get along so well. Of course where Jesus is it's heaven there. Glory to God!

I use to fear diseases but it is wonderful how the Lord delivered me from that fear. I was glad when we arrived in China to find there was a wall around our yard as I did not know what the Chinese want to do to us. Praise God He delivered me from all of that.

While there was so much war here in China this spring and first of the year, it kept getting nearer and nearer until it was in only a few miles of us. At those times the robber bands are to be feared more than the war as they seem to follow up the war and take advantage of the unsettled state of things to do their work. It was Saturday evening when we heard the war was near and did not know what would happen next. The power of God came upon me in such a precious way and such joy and victory in my soul as I am for an hour I suppose, shouted, talked in tongues and praised God.

So whatever happens Jesus is here in China just as He is in America to keep and protect His people. So dear ones if any of you have felt called to come don't let the enemy keep you away.

"As the armies of the world go out to war shall God's army stand still?" Until the command to go ye into all the world has been revoked, by His grace and help we shall keep busy. Praise God!

Having remained at the Tainfu Mission for about one year and eight months we felt the Lord would have us make a change. A Pentecostal work has been established there, but I am hungry for a Church of God work.

There are other places the Lord would have us carry this message we believe.

We brought our oldest son, who will be twelve years old in the spring, down here to Shanghai and placed him in an American School. The lady who owns the school has the Baptism of the Spirit and it seems to be a very nice

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fast and is behind in his studies so I felt the Lord would be pleased to have us do this. Both of our children speak the Chinese language well, the oldest boy, Eugene can read it and also write it a little. Pray that they both may be used in our Lord's service if He tarries.

Truly our Lord hath led us in a very precious way and revealed Himself most wondrously here in China and please all of you pray that we may be faithful and true witnesses of His.

Mr. Rushin hopes to get away to the Philippine Islands just as soon as the way opens. Our precious Lord wants this Truth carried there also I am sure. Several it seems have gone there, but we have heard of none remaining very long and the Spirit being poured out and a work opened. I will remain here until later. My heart is truly in China and I am loath to leave. If Mr. Rushin feels led to remain I will of course go later, but I would love to see a real Church of God work established here before leaving. Saints please pray that it may be realized. There is nothing too hard for our God. We just want to keep yielded so He can use us to fulfill His whole plan and purposes in us.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be and abide with you all and may you be preserved blameless until His coming.

Updike, Miss.

A. J. Tomlinson Dear Brother:

I wish to ask for prayer of every one of God's children that they fast and pray Jan. 12 for a very dear friend whose wife is insane. He has faith in God's children and requested me to write the Evangel family to fast and pray that she may be restored to her dear little children and that God may be glorified.

Your brother,

G. T. Cook.

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